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December 30, 2008

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Philip L. Browning, Director

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**SUBJECT: GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)
(BOARD ORDER #83 - JUNE 15, 1999)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the semi-annual report of key GROW statistics for May 2008 through October 2008 and an update on the GROW Program.

From May 2008 through October 2008, we placed 7,472 participants in jobs and achieved an average placement rate of 33%. A total of 99,314 job placements have been achieved since the implementation of the GROW Program in February 1999.

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Attachments

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GROW UPDATE

May 2008 – October 2008

JOB PLACEMENTS/RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

Since implementation in February 1999, a total of 99,314 job placements have been achieved through the GROW Program.

- On May 14, 2008, the Metro Special GROW site in partnership with Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) and Central County GAIN Region IV hosted the College's 20th Anniversary Job Fair. More than 80 employers participated and over 200 participants were present. The planning committee was chaired by Helen Beaird, LATTC Director of Student Service Center, and co-chaired by Linda Oliver, Business Service Supervisor, Metro Special GROW. The planning committee was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Jan Perry, Councilwoman of the Ninth District, for contributions made to the community.
- On May 22, 2008, Metro Special GROW hosted its 5th Annual Job Fair with local businesses within the community. Sixteen employers participated and 300 enthusiastic participants attended the event.
- On June 19, 2008, Lancaster GROW hosted its 1st Annual "Spring into Action" job fair on-site. Twelve local employers and 150 job seekers attended this worthwhile event. Fifteen were offered jobs on the spot.
- On July 9, 2008, Pomona GROW conducted an on-site recruitment from Securitas, Cornucopia, and Stater Brothers Supermarket. Fifty GROW participants attended the event.
- On July 10, 2008, Lancaster GROW hosted LPC Global on-site recruitment. Twenty job seekers were interviewed and thirteen of them were offered a job on the spot.
- On August 5, 2008, Metro Special GROW conducted an on-site recruitment with ChildCare Careers. Six participants were interviewed and one was offered a job on the spot.
- On September 17, 2008, Southwest Special hosted its 1st Define Your Image job fair. Thirty-eight screened participants were interviewed and 2 were hired on the spot.
- On October 23, 2008, Civic Center hosted its 4th Annual "Turn Over a New Leaf" job fair in the parking structure. Over 362 job seekers and 32 prospective employers participated. Seventeen participants received interview appointments from Venturi Staffing and the Census Bureau.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through October 2008, the cumulative participation rate for Orientation continues to exceed 70% and participation rate for Job Skills Preparation Class exceeds 50%.

**GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
MAY 2008 – OCTOBER 2008**

	May 2008	June 2008	July 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2008	Oct 2008	Total
Orientation/Job Skills Assessment							
• Scheduled	5,210	6,659	6,600	5,987	6,496	7,055	38,007
• Showed	4,406 (85%)	4,578 (69%)	5,348 (81%)	4,693 (78%)	5,092 (78%)	5,811 (82%)	29,928 (79%)
Job Skills Preparation Class							
• Scheduled	1,646	1,947	1,731	1,851	2,205	1,883	11,263
• Showed	864 (52%)	1,021 (52%)	899 (52%)	991 (54%)	1,241 (56%)	1,040 (55%)	6,056 (54%)
• Completions (1)	693	663	608	855	768	993	4,580
Job Placements	1,142	1,265	1,245	1,213	1,267	1,340	7,472
Self-Initiated Programs (SIPs) (2)	892	905	811	899	961	1,015	
Vocational Assessment							
• Scheduled	164	140	148	175	178	174	979
• Showed	123 (75%)	114 (81%)	115 (78%)	129 (74%)	152 (85%)	131 (75%)	764 (78%)
Education/Training							
• Starts	60	43	59	44	74	61	341
• Completions	14	24	24	10	15	16	103
Supportive Services Referrals	320	301	393	314	327	334	2,239
GROW Caseload (3)	20,833	21,888	21,434	22,973	21,209	23,460	
GROW Sanction Terminations	1,954	2,429	2,573	2,096	2,941	1,799	13,792

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class (JSPC) completion counts is not tied to the scheduled/showed counts, as completions include participants who began the three-week JSPC class in the previous month, but completed in the report month.
- (2) SIP data includes the total number of participants enrolled in a SIP activity during the month, not just new enrollments.
- (3) GROW Caseload includes Employable and temporarily Unemployable participants assigned to GROW.